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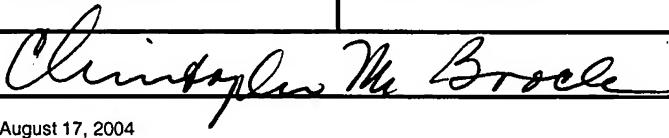
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated August 11, 2004, Applicant makes the following observations.

Applicant gratefully notes the allowance of Claims 3, 4, and 6-9 in the present application. While Applicant believes that the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides solely in each identified feature or combination of features, exactly as expressed by the Examiner, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any of the recited features are outside the scope of the claims. Moreover, to the extent the Reasons For Allowance do not separately address the additional subject matter of the remaining

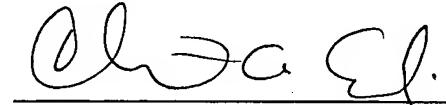
claims, Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference that these claims do not present patentable subject matter independent of the patentability of Claims 3, 4 and 8. With respect to the subject matter of each claim, Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference that any one claim does not present patentable subject matter independent of any other claim.

If the Examiner would like to discuss this matter further, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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